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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the following—

(i) statement No. VIII appended to the "Report on the Working of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, the Provident Insurance Societies Act, 1912, and the Indian Life Assurance Companies Act, 1912, for the year 1927–28";

(ii) paragraphs 32 to 69 of the "Report of the Department of Industries, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1928."

The Government have no further information on the subject.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I ask what the medium or media are through which the Government give publicity to the State Aid to Industries Act?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It is published only in the Gazette."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know if the Government will not give further publicity to this matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"The suggestion will be considered."

Applications for aid under the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 1730 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the terms of aid to industries under the State Aid to Industries Act were advertised in the current year;

(*b*) if so, in which newspapers;

(*c*) whether any applications were received; and

(*d*) whether any aid was given, and if so, to whom, to what extent and on what terms?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Sixteen applications were received subsequent to 1st April 1928.

(*d*) A loan of Rs. 11,000 was disbursed to the zamindars of Belgaum repayable in seven annual instalments, commencing on 1st January 1930, to enable them to develop their pyrotechnic match factory. It was a condition of the grant of the loan that the proceeds should be applied to the purchase and installation of the machinery considered by the Department of Industries to be immediately necessary for the expansion of the factory and to the construction of a shed for the factory.

Another loan of Rs. 10,000 was disbursed to the Salem Dye Works Syndicate, Limited, repayable in ten annual instalments, commencing on 1st January 1930. This loan has been granted subject to the condition that it is applied wholly to the part repayment of a previous loan taken by the Company from one of its Directors and that immediately on such repayment, the said Director converts the balance of the loan given by him to the Company into share capital in the Company.

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A sum of Rs. 1,50,492-5-4 was paid to the Imperial Bank of India on behalf of the Carnatic Paper Mills, the amount representing the overdraft allowed by the former (together with accrued interest) but not cleared by the Company.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know why the conditions were not advertised ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The amended Act itself was published only very recently."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Does the hon. the Minister recognize that there are very few applications under this Act for want of advertisement ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" May be so."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether any people from Kasaragod have applied for aid, and if so, what has become of their applications ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the Director of Industries and the Committee have recommended loans to be given to minor industries ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know in what stage the matter is ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" One application is under consideration."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether Government have been investigating the possibilities of starting a spinning mill anywhere ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise out of the present answer."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" With reference to the last paragraph of the answer to clause (*d*), may I ask in what stage the matter stands at present ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The opinion of the Advocate-General is being obtained."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for how long the application from the Salem Mining Company is pending ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" About ten months, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether advertisements in regard to aid under the State Aid to Industries Act were not published in the dailies of Madras last year ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether an application was made by a muslim gentleman from the North Arcot district carrying on Leather Trade for help to a Cottage Industry ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether he will be pleased to advertise in the newspapers ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I will consider it."